



CITY OF TACOMA

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

VIRTUAL MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

To comply with Governor Jay Inslee's [Proclamation 20-28.15](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will not be conducted in-person. The meeting can be attended remotely using the following information:

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

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Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all meeting participants, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments will be accepted in meeting during the time set aside by the agenda. In addition, the Commission encourages community members to submit written comments prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m. on May 20th. Please e-mail your comments to PBabbitt@cityoftacoma.org, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 5/20/21", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVE APRIL 15 MINUTES AND MAY 20 AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. STAFF UPDATES
- V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
- VI. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS
- VII. CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING UPDATE – STAFF PRESENTATION
- VIII. CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- X. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

5/20/2021 Virtual Public Meeting

Welcome

Commissioners

Members of the public

Presenters and staff support:

LaTasha Wortham

Tacoma Public Utilities, Public Affairs and Communication

Patrick Babbitt, Kristin Lynett, James Parvey, Kyla Wilson

City of Tacoma, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability



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Call to Order



Land acknowledgment

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We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.



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Agenda – 5/20/2021

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(Motion)



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4/15/2021 Commission Minutes Approval

(Motion)



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Public Comments



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Staff Updates

Last Meeting: 4/15

1. Rules of Procedure amendment
2. Environmental Services Commission letter
3. Commission annual recommendations
4. Sustainability Small Grants review
5. Thank you to departing Commissioners



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Staff Updates

Commission Notices:

- Welcome to & onboarding new members currently
- Delivered Environmental Services Commission letter on 4/23, Phil/Matthew may serve ESC
- Tideflats Interim Regulations moved to Infrastructure, Planning, & Sustainability Committee for autumn recommendations to Council
- Due 6/30: Sustainability Small Grants applications



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Staff Updates

Commission Notices:

- 2020 Environmental Action Plan progress report live
- Commission meetings with Council began 5/20
 - M, 5/24, 10:30-11am – Council Members Hunter, Thoms
 - Lexi, Evlondo
 - F, 5/28, 2:30-3:30pm – City Manager Pauli
 - Lexi, Matthew, Elly
 - Tu, 6/1, 9:30-10am – Council Members Ushka, McCarthy
 - Lexi, Tony
 - Tu, 6/1, 11:30am-noon – Council Members Walker, Hines
 - Elly
 - Tu, 6/8, 10-10:30am – Mayor Woodards
 - Lexi, Tony, Evlondo



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Staff Updates

Around the City:

- Celebrate Bike Month!
 - Follow: www.bike253.com, @mobility253, @TacomaMobility
 - Pop-up Storywalk: 5/15 – 5/31
 - www.cityoftacoma.org/pipelinetrail
- Tacoma-Pierce County is in “Healthy Washington” Phase 3 (5/18)
 - Statewide reopening: 6/30
 - Learn more: coronavirus.wa.gov
- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine now available for children 12-15 years
 - Learn more & sign-up: www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture



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Subcommittee Updates

- Welcoming Commissioners to report on subcommittee activities, possibly including:
 - Climate Action Planning
 - Planning Commission
 - Transportation Commission
 - Tidelands Subarea Plan
 - Other?
- Upcoming subcommittee activities:
 - Waste prevention & recycling: 6/23, 5-6pm



Other Business Items

1. Welcome New Commissioners
 - Around the room
2. Climate Action Planning Update
 - Staff presentation
3. Climate Actions Draft List
 - Commission input



Welcome New Commissioners

Around the Room

- Name, pronouns
- When & why you joined Commission
- Area of expertise, sustainability topic(s) of interest
- Pick one:
 - Tip or lesson – some wisdom you can pass on
 - Something interesting you have learned about sustainability, the City, or our community
 - A Commission accomplishment, strength, or opportunity

(Discussion)



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Climate Action Planning Update – Staff Presentation

Staff: Pat Babbitt (he/him), **Kristi Lynett** (she/her),
Kyla Wilson (she/her)

City of Tacoma, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability

(Change now to that presentation)



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Climate Actions Draft List – Commission Input

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Public Comments



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Objectives for Next Meeting (June 17)

Meeting items:

- Climate Actions Draft List input (Part Two)
- Port of Tacoma Clean Air Strategy (possible)

Future meeting items:

- City-County solid & hazardous waste plan (June/July)
- Urban Forest Management Plan (July)
- Sustainability Small Grants applications review (July)

Non-meeting items:

- Annual Commission report (video/slide deck)



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Adjournment

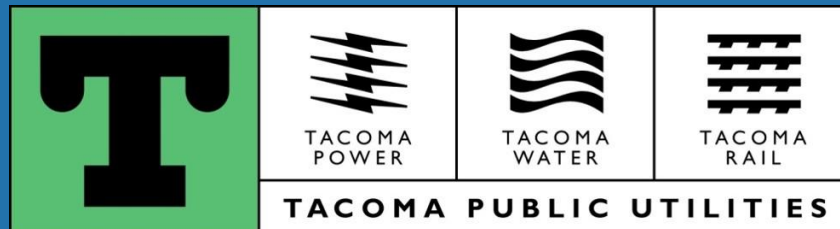
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CAP Phase II – Draft Actions (I)

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION
May 20, 2021



PLANNING TIMELINE & ACTIVITIES

Phase I

Sept 2020 – Jan 2021

- Create EJ Leaders Workgroup
 - Train Ambassadors
 - Understand community priorities & concerns
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- GHG Inventory & BAU Projection

Phase II

Feb – June 2021

- Support frontline-focused engagement
 - Community input on actions & strategies
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- Develop low carbon scenarios
 - Identify priority actions and costs

Phase III

July – Sept 2021

- EJ Leaders Workgroup recommendations
- Draft Plan with transformative, anti-racist actions & indicators
- City Council adoption



PHASE II ENGAGEMENT

Methods & Targets

- **Workshops: 13, reaching 315**
 - Host Organizations: 8
 - Key Partners & Staff: 1
 - Businesses: 1
 - Environmental Community: 1
 - General Public: 2
- **Presentations: 18, reaching 180**
 - Commissions/Boards: 10
 - Neighborhood Councils: 8

- **Surveys: reaching 350**

- 3 In-Person Tabling Events
- Online: Social Media, Email
- Phone

TOTAL REACH TARGET: 845



PHASE II ENGAGEMENT

Workshops

- Monday, June 7, 10-11:30am – Environmental Orgs
- Saturday, June 12, 1-2:30pm – General Public
- Monday, June 14, 2-3:30pm – Businesses
- Tuesday, June 15, 5:30-7pm – General Public

**Help us promote workshops with materials we will send to you!*

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Updates

- EJ Leaders Workgroup
 - Delivering input on draft actions, Plan
- Ambassadors
 - Workshop, tabling, surveying support
- Directors' climate justice training
- CAP Executive Committee meeting





TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

Updates

- Developed “Big Move” strategies and actions for community input
- Developed low carbon milestones we need to reach by 2030

PHASE I OUTREACH THEMES

Sustainability Priorities






- Access to urban **green space & forests** 
- Access to **housing**
- Healthy, **pollution-free** ecosystems 
- **Public transit** access & low-carbon, **active transportation** options

Key



PHASE I OUTREACH THEMES

Sustainability Barriers

- Lack of **government leadership** & support  
- Social **norms & values** lack care 
- Lack of **funding** & incentives
- Lack of access to **basic needs**  

Key



PHASE I OUTREACH THEMES

Community Concerns

- **Pollution & environmental health** ★
- **Inequity & injustice**
- **Housing** access & essential services
- **Climate impacts & fossil fuel industry**

Key



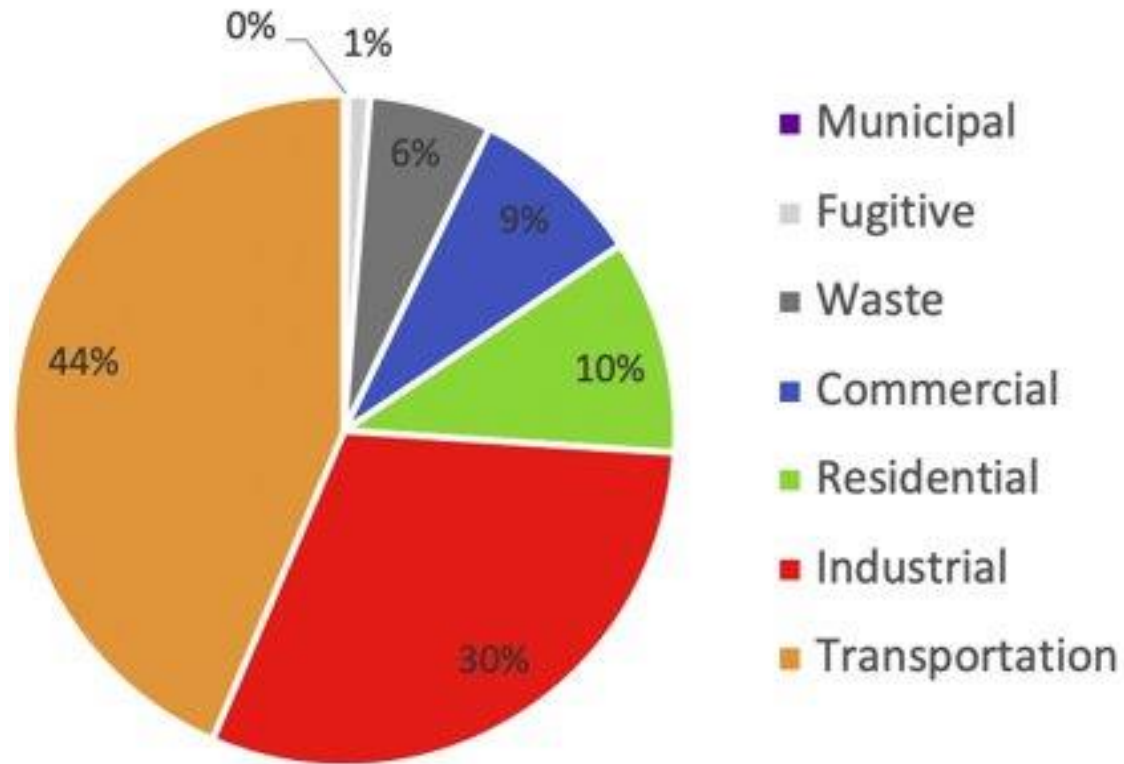
LOCAL CLIMATE IMPACTS

Climate Impacts

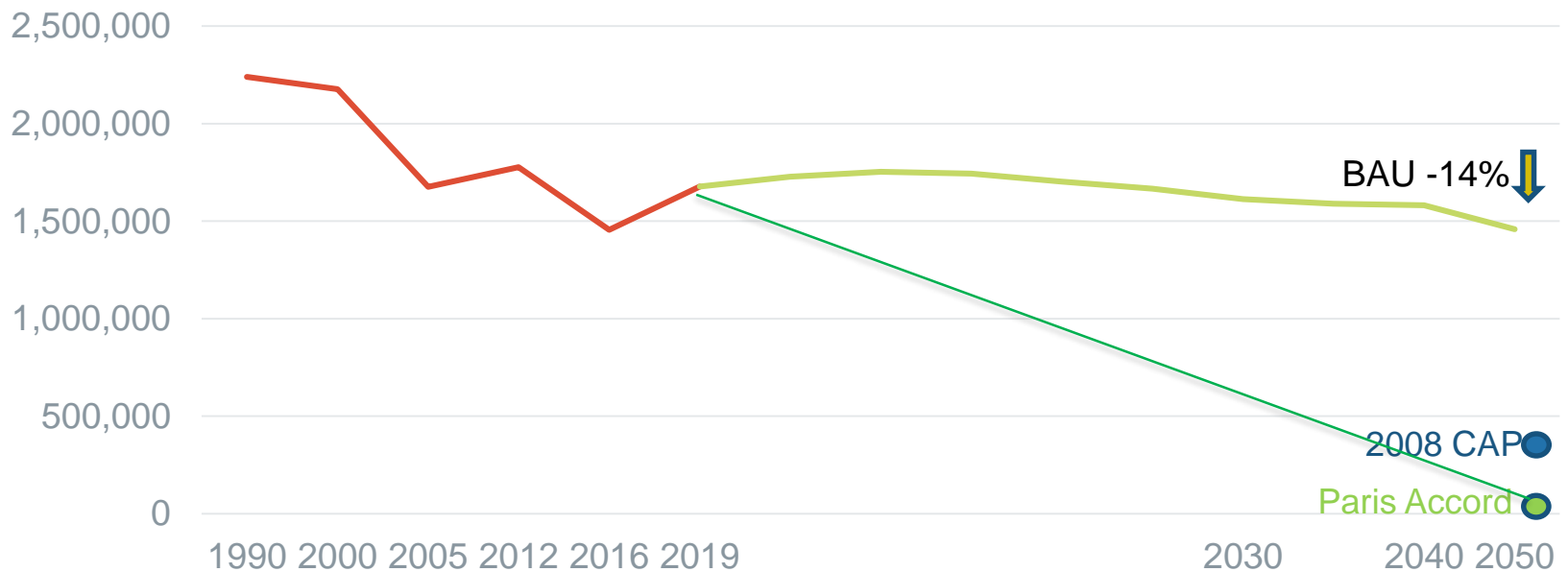
- More very hot days
- Reduced snowpack
- Lower summer streamflow
- Higher winter streamflow
- Sea level rise & extreme high tides
- Losses of salmon
- Reduced recreation
- Increase wildfire
- Increased flooding
- Reduced agriculture yields



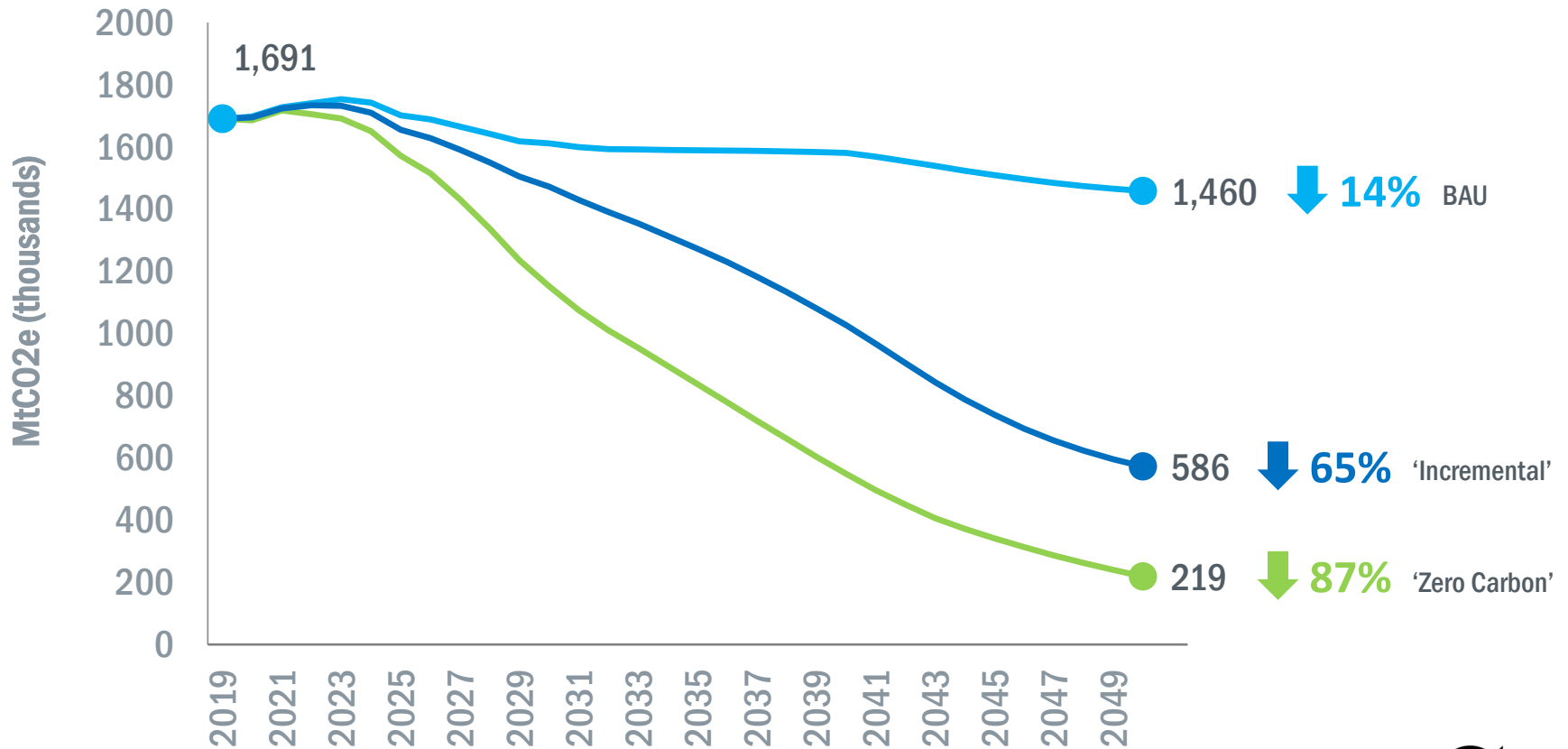
2019 TACOMA COMMUNITY EMISSIONS



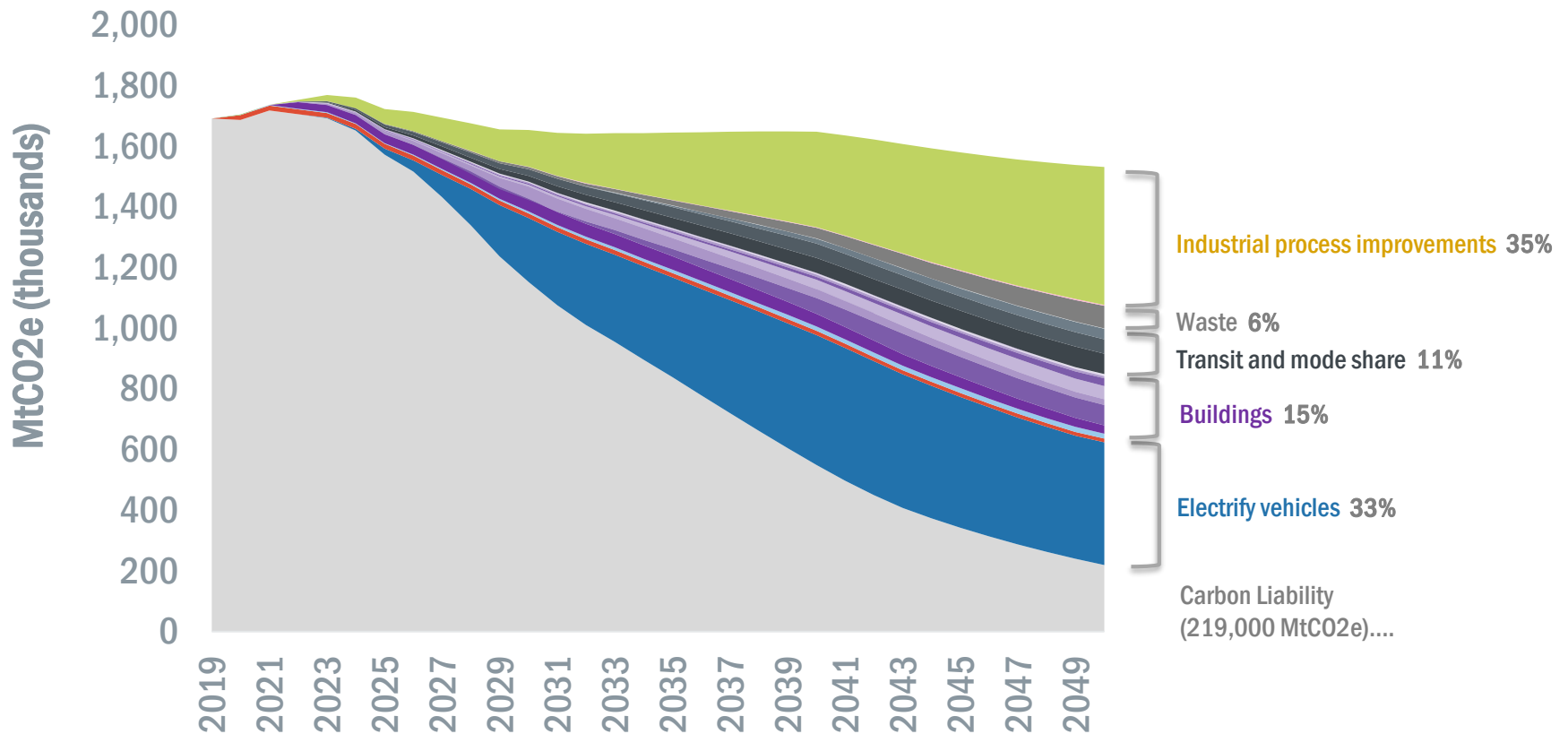
PAST & FUTURE EMISSIONS (TACOMA)



2019-2050 COMMUNITY EMISSIONS SCENARIOS



2019-2050 LOW CARBON SCENARIO



DRAFT 2030 LCS MILESTONES

LCS Milestones

- Only 12% of new homes are built are single family and almost all near corridors and mixed-use centers
- 100% of new builds are built to net zero carbon standards
- 12% of existing commercial buildings are retrofit to net zero carbon
- 7% of existing industrial buildings floor space is retrofit to net zero carbon
- Almost twice as many people need to take transit and shift to bicycling and walking than do now.
- 100% new passenger vehicle sales are EV
- 30% of transit zero emission
- Ferries electrified
- Per capita waste generation reduced by 18%

CLIMATE ACTION CATEGORIES

Action Categories*

- Buildings & Energy
- Mobility & Land Use
- Green Economy
- Natural Systems
- Local Food
- Consumption & Material Management
- Governance & Engagement

*Adaptation Strategies dispersed throughout



PURPOSE & VISION: CLIMATE JUSTICE

Planning Purpose

- Identify high impact 2030 strategies and targets
- Develop 2024 near-term actions

Planning Vision

- Climate emergency
- Anti-racist systems transformation



CLIMATE JUSTICE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding Principles

- Act locally and collaboratively with ambition & urgency
- Lead with racial justice & equity
- Build transformational solutions for enduring community recovery
- Prioritize health & other co-benefits
- Make decisions based on science & data, including community input
- Be transparent & accountable



MENTI ACTIVITY – BIG MOVES, ACTIONS+

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City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2021

Commission Members Present:

Margaret Schwertner, Lexi Brewer (Chair), Matthew Benedict (Vice-Chair), Adam Reichenberger, Emily Pinckney, Ashley Sloan, Nikie Walters

Commission Members Excused:

Grace Hope, Elly Claus-McGahan, Evlondo Cooper, Katin Kendrena

Commission Members Absent:

Gabe Moaalii, Tony Ivey

Others Present:

Commission Support Staff: LaTasha Wortham, Kyla Wilson, Kristin Lynett, James Parvey, Patrick Babbitt (Commission staff liaison)

Members of the Public: None

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Lexi Brewer at 5:05pm, including an acknowledgement of the occupied indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public and shared virtual meeting practices and requirements.

Approval of May 20, 2021, Meeting Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as written. Motion made by Vice-Chair Matthew Benedict.

Seconded by: Adam Reichenberger

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Grace Hope, Elly Claus-McGahan, Evlondo Cooper, Katin Kendrena, Gabe Moaalii, Tony Ivey

Approval of April 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To adopt meeting minutes as written. Motion made by Matthew Benedict.

Seconded by: Emily Pinckney

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Grace Hope, Elly Claus-McGahan, Evlondo Cooper, Katin Kendrena, Gabe Moaalii, Tony Ivey

Public Comment

No public comment was delivered in writing or given in meeting.

Staff Updates

Patrick Babbitt, the Commission's staff liaison, recounted the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) April meeting activities and then delivered new notices to the Commission. New notices included welcoming new members to the Commission; updating the Commission that its letter regarding STC participation on the Environmental Services Commission had been delivered; that Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations were moved from City Council consideration to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for recommendations by autumn; that Sustainability Small Grants Program applications are accepted for the second quarter of 2021 through June 30; that the 2020 Environmental Action Plan progress report is available on the City's website; and that the Commission's schedule to meet with City Council Members and Management is established. He also noted other happenings in the Tacoma community, including that Bike Month (May) is in its final two weeks of events and local health regulations and vaccination opportunities related to COVID-19 are changing. He pointed to resources if Commissioners or community members they are in contact with would like more information.

Staff thanked Commissioners for their work outside meetings, including subcommittees.

Subcommittee Updates

Patrick updated the Commission that its Waste Prevention and Recycling Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 23 from 5-6pm. Interested Commissioners should engage Patrick or their Chairpersons to participate. Chair Lexi Brewer reported the Climate Action Planning Subcommittee met to discuss plans and approaches to community adaptation or resiliency planning in an effort to reflect further on staff's recent presentation to the Commission about Tacoma's Adaptation Strategy. The Subcommittee continues to work on final recommendations to staff regarding Tacoma's next climate action plan. No further updates were provided by Commissioners regarding subcommittee activities.

Commission Business Items

Welcome New Commissioners

Commissioners and staff introduced themselves to and welcomed new members of the Commission. Commissioners shared experience they bring to their service to the Commission, their lessons from participation, and points of excitement for sustainability work in Tacoma.

City of Tacoma Climate Action Planning Process Update – Patrick Babbitt, Kristin Lynett, Kyla Wilson, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Patrick updated the Commission on recent climate action planning work, including the start of the second phase of community engagement. The second phase of engagement primarily involves virtual community workshops focused on engaging frontline community members and a general online public survey. In support of engagement work and development of a new climate plan, staff have worked with City consultants and community partners to process the

first phase of community feedback (involving input from over 450 community members) with other facts to develop practical strategies and actions to reduce climate emissions and increase preparedness for climate impacts. Climate strategies and actions, now in a draft form, are based on the best, most recent science, established City policies, and community input from this and other relevant community input processes. The second phase of engagement will inform members of the community about recent technical work, community input from the first phase, and draft actions – ultimately providing a second opportunity for community input. The process will likely lead to a draft plan, which will go to stakeholders and City Council for final consideration in the late summer and autumn of 2021.

Following planning process updates, the Commission gave input about four areas of climate strategies and actions.

City of Tacoma Climate Action Planning Draft Actions – Patrick Babbitt, Kristin Lynett, Kyla Wilson, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Patrick and Kyla Wilson led Commissioners through a Mentimeter survey to give their input about four areas of climate strategies and actions, as well as have some discussion about community needs and priorities. Commission feedback was recorded through Mentimeter and staff notes, which will be considered alongside input from other stakeholders and the wider community.

Public Comment

No public comment was delivered in writing or given in meeting.

Objectives for or before the Next Meeting

- Staff Updates
- Subcommittee Updates
- Climate Action Planning update and draft actions feedback
- Port of Tacoma Clean Air Strategy (tentative)
- City-County solid and hazardous waste plan (tentative)
- Annual Commission report to City Council

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm as quorum was lost at 7:02pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held virtually on Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Patrick Babbitt, Staff / Note Taker